

AN INTERESTING CONVENTION.

The Women of the W. C. T. U. in the Nation's Capital—No Color Line.

The national convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, that was held in this city last week, will go down into history as a convention of strong women, who seemed to be working earnestly for the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. There was no color line, but to the contrary all seemed to work in love and harmony, and all who came



MRS. H. C. BRUCE,
Chairman of the Badge Committee.

were made welcome. It is to be regretted that more of our ladies did not take an interest in the convention. Every lover of home and humanity, should unite in helping to push forward the great cause of temperance.

Mrs. H. C. Bruce of this city, who is president of the Anna Murray Douglass Union, the youngest union in the city with one exception, had the honor of being made chairman of the committee on badges. This is certainly a dawn of a new era when so many women of different races from all over this and other countries, can meet together, with such fraternal feelings, and such a oneness of purpose for God, and home, and native land.

QUERIES.

Answers for the Anxious.

Student—(1) The quotation was not original with Garrison. See Isaiah xxviii. 14.

(2) Jeremiah the prophet was released from his dungeon by an Ethiopian, who after making an appeal in the prophet's behalf was commanded to "Take thirty men and take up Jeremiah the prophet." See Jer. xxxlii, 7-13.

Histericus—The plan of throwing up entrenchments of cotton bales between the swamp and the river at the point where the British were obliged to approach in the war of 1812, originated with a Negro. The Belfast, (Me.) Journal published at that time says:

"This plan was not conceived by General Jackson. Nor was the use of the cotton bales a scheme of his but was the plan of a colored man. He proposed to the General the expediency of defending his strong point, which was so obvious that there could be no hesitation or dispute about it; Jackson therefore ordered it to be built, and thus saved the American army, and country."

The school histories do not mention these circumstances.

T. S. M.—Negro is derived from the Latin term, Niger, meaning black. The American edition of Walker's Diction-

ary gives the following terms and definitions: Moor, a marsh, a fen; a Negro. Marsh, a fen, a bog, a swamp; a plant. Moorish, fenny, marshy. Negro, black moor. Johnson's Dictionary American edition for 1810 gives the following definitions: Black, dark, cloudy, mournful wicked. Black, a negro, the dark color, mourning. Moor, a negro, marsh, fen, bog. Moorish or Moory, marshy, fenny. Negro, a blackmoor (a Moor). Webster's, for schools gives these definitions: Negro, an African by birth or descendant of one of full blood. Moor, a black man, a marsh. Marsh, low ground. Negro, a blackmoor, a slave, a mean wretch. Moor, a black marsh, watery ground.

Dr. Webster's definitions of the complexion of the skin is as follows:

Mangroon, is all black, a full blood, (a whole Negro). A Sambo, is three quarters blood, (three quarters Negro). Mulatto is one-half blood, (one-half Negro). Quadroon is one quarter blood, (one quarter Negro). Mestizo, is half quarter blood, (one quarter Negro).

The latest hybrid in the group is Afro-American."

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